

Community Health Worker State Advisory Committee Meeting Draft Meeting Minutes

Monday, February, 28, 2022, 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Attendance

Committee Members

Fay Alexander, Rosario Campos, LaKerry Dawson, Griselda Funn, Kimberly Hiner, Robin Hollar, Rebecca Jones, Kevin Jordan, Elizabeth Kromm, Bettye Muwwakkil, Rachel Parran, Samantha Sailsman, Tiffany Scott, Lashelle Stewart, Brad Tritsch

MDH

Tina Backe, Brett Felter, Alphius Sesay, Adrienne Taylor

Welcome and Roll Call

Tina Backe welcomed and greeted the Committee members and the public. Each Committee member introduced themselves.

Reminders

Financial disclosure filings for the calendar year 2021 are due no later than April 30, 2022, to the Maryland State Ethics Commission.

- The link to file online is
<https://ethics.maryland.gov/boards-commissions/financial-disclosure/>

This Committee requires a 50% meeting attendance per calendar year.

Opening Remarks

Kimberly Hiner presented opening remarks

- Welcome Elizabeth Kromm, Maryland Hospital Association seat
- Welcome Brett Felter, Assistant Attorney General
- Farewell and thank you to Deborah Donohue, Deputy Counsel for Boards

Approval of November 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

- Rosario Campos motioned to approve
- Griselda Funn seconded the motion
- November 15 meeting minutes approved without objection.

Guest Presentations

Asian American Center of Frederick

Elizabeth Chung, M.S.

Executive Director Asian American Center of Frederick

Carol Masden, LCSW-C, Consultant, AACF

Moving CHWs Forward

CHWs Make an impact

Innovations for providers

Innovation for patients and caregivers

Opportunities for innovation in Maryland

CDC 2109 Grant

Miranda Ouellette, MPH, CHES

Inclusion Coordinator, Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Control, Prevention and Health Promotion Administration

Community Health Workers for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR) Program Update

Year 1 Implementation Updates- Training

- Reviewed the Evaluation Plan
- Ensure at least 50% of participants in groups are CHWs
 - Next meeting March 10th If interested in joining

Year 1 Implementation Updates- Deployment of CHWs

- LHD Targeted local health departments in three jurisdictions:
 - Allegany, Dorchester, and Somerset

Year 1 Implementation Updates- Engage

- Lead Evaluator conducting an inventory of current tracking systems
 - Monitors CHW referrals and efforts

Next Steps

- 1) Identify contractor for Health Equity and Social Determinants of Health training development
- 2) Identify contractor for technical assistance with provision to the LHDs.

Overview of Prince George's County Health Department (PGCHD) Response to Community Health Worker for COVID Response and Resilient Communities (CCR- 2109) Component B

Ernest L. Carter, MD, Ph.D.,
Community Health Integrated Services System
Prince George's County Health Department

CHWs for COVID Response and Resilient Communities

- Purpose
- Outcomes
- Strategies and Activities

Collaborations

- CDC-funded Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity Program
 - Pointers from its Reopening Schools guidance
- Align with PreventionLink, a CDC Innovative State and Local Public Health Strategies to Prevent and Manage Diabetes and Heart Disease and Stroke Chronic Disease Prevention Program
- Community Care Coordination Team (CCCT) representation from clinical providers; FQHCs; independent primary care and behavioral health providers; community based organizations; Faith-based organizations; County agencies including police, sheriff's office, Fire/EMS, social services, housing, and corrections; CHWs; health literacy experts; healthcare transformation and quality improvement consultants; and patient advocates

Community Health Worker Certification Update

CHW Certification Update

September 1, 2019- February 24, 2022

Total Certifications: 1011

- Certifications Based on training: 120
- Certifications renewed: 158
- Certifications issued: 1169

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Update

January 1, 2020- February 25, 2022

Applications submitted: 14

- Applications in the review process: 4
- Accreditations issued: 10

Accredited CHW Certification Training Programs

1. Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Inc.
2. Asian American Center of Frederick in partnership with Hagerstown Community College
3. Baltimore City Community College

4. Community College of Baltimore County
5. Heritage Care, Inc.
6. Howard Community College (**most recent**)
7. Howard County General Hospital, Johns Hopkins Medicine
8. Maryland Area Health Education Center Program
9. Mosaic Group, Inc.
10. Washington County Commission on Aging, Inc.

CHW Training Program Application Review Committee

New terms begin April 2022

- Community Health Worker

- Health professions educator with expertise in curriculum development

CHW Certification and Training Program Accreditation Webinars

CHW Certificate Renewal Application Webinars

- Dated: February 7, March 9, April 8, May 11, June 16

CHW Certification Training Program Accreditation Application Webinars

- Dates: February 25, March 29, April 19, May 23, June 23

CHW Professional Development Support

- CHW Advisory Committee mentioned Professional Development support as an area of further development
- The Office of Population Health Improvement has leveraged staff support from the CDC Foundation and OPHI CHW staff to create a webpage with free or low-cost professional development activities that meet renewal requirements
- Share with Advisory Committee for review and input then post online

Community Health Worker Grant Opportunities and Contracts

[CDC-RFA-OT21-2103](#)

National Initiative to Address COVID-19 Public Health Disparities among Populations at High-Risk and Underserved, Including Racial and Ethnic Minority Populations and Rural Communities

Welcome to Jacquelyn (Jackie) Truffer – Administrator, OPHIFocus areas

- Development and implementation of new CHW training programs
- Accredited CHW certification training program - addition of a COVID19 module
- CHW specialty training resources and COVID-19 materials
- Scholarships funds for accredited training entities to recruit/support underserved/resourced CHW candidates from high-risk communities

CHW Grant Opportunities

RFA # BPM027227, Community Health Worker (CHW) Training Program Development and Implementation has been canceled is being replaced by:

1. BPM028105: Community Health Worker Training Program Development, Accreditation, and Implementation.
2. BPM028117: Accredited Community Health Worker Certification Training Programs - COVID-19 Module Development, Implementation, and Training.

RFA # BPM027879: Community Health Worker Specialty Training Resources and Materials Development

Development of CHW specialty training resources:

- Behavioral Health
- Chronic Disease Management: Asthma
- Geriatrics
- Infectious Disease: COVID-19
- Maternal and Child Health

Culturally and linguistically appropriate materials on COVID-19

CHW Contract: Collaboration with MDH Prevention and Health Promotion Administration (PHPA)

Curricula Development

- Chronic Disease Management: Diabetes
- Chronic Disease Management: Cardiovascular Disease

CHW Upcoming Advisory Committee Meetings

Committee meetings, 1 PM – 3 PM, to be held virtually or at MDH

- May 16, 2022
- August 15, 2022
- November 14, 2022 – Note: This is the 2nd Monday (due to holiday)

Meeting Adjourned

Lashelle Stewart- motioned to Adjourn

Griselda Funn- seconded the motion

Meeting Adjourned without objection at 3:00 pm